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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Communications in CS Docket 97-80

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to notify you that on February 22, 2006, Brian Markwalter and the undersigned of CEA met with Natalie Roisman and Steve Broeckaert of the Media Bureau.

We discussed the ongoing position of the consumer electronics and IT industries ("CE-IT") regarding the need for common reliance by the CE-IT and cable television industries on a common security interface. This common reliance must be maintained as the Commission's rules require.

We also discussed the need for continued FCC involvement in this docket.

This letter is being provided to your office in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Federal Communications Commission rules. A copy of this letter has been delivered by e-mail to the meeting participants.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Julie M. Kearney", written over a horizontal line.

Julie M. Kearney
Senior Director and Regulatory Counsel

cc: Natalie Roisman
Steve Broeckaert